

REMARKS

Claims 14-17 have been examined and rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,446,115 to Powers (hereinafter “Powers”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

For example, claim 14 is directed to a document transmission apparatus. The claim recites displaying additional information including registration numbers and displaying transmittal letter information corresponding to a selected registration number. Also, a tag embedded in each registration number indicates the correspondence between the registration numbers and the transmittal letter information.

Powers is directed to a system and method for generating and delivering conventional forms of written correspondence. When a sender wishes to implement a written correspondence, the sender initiates a request coded with sender information, such as the sender’s e-mail and postal addresses, various digital signature images, letter preferences and letterhead graphics. If the sender is not registered, a new subscriber HTML form is generated, completed, and transmitted. The new subscriber information is checked, thereby completing the registration process. Before the written correspondence is delivered to a recipient, an HTML version of the written correspondence is delivered to the sender as an email so that the sender may make desired changes.

To anticipate a claim, a prior art reference must teach all of the elements in the claim. The Examiner contends that Powers’ sender information corresponds to the claimed additional information and that the written correspondence discloses the transmittal letter information.

However, the Examiner does not indicate what feature of Powers allegedly discloses the claimed registration numbers. None of the features included in Powers' sender information, or anywhere in Powers, disclose registration numbers which correspond to transmittal letter information. Because Powers does not teach or suggest all of the features of claim 14, Applicant submits that claim 14 is patentable.

Claims 16 and 17 contain registration numbers which correspond to transmittal letter information analogous to the registration numbers which correspond to transmittal letter information recited in claim 1. Thus, Applicant submits that claims 15 and 16 are patentable at least for reasons analogous to those discussed above regarding claim 14. Applicants also submit that claim 17, being dependent upon claim 16, is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

For all the foregoing reasons it is respectfully submitted that claims 14-17, being all the claims present in the application, are patentable and that this application is in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the subject application be passed to issue at the earliest possible time.

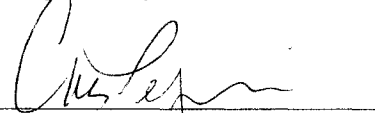
If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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